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1. The reply filed on 3/18/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not given a listing of the claims which applicant considers to be readable upon the elected species. Applicant has only identified claim 69 (which is a dependent claim as being readable on the elected species and this is confusing as to how a dependent claim would read on the species, when the independent claim does not). Note page 2 lines 20-21 of the office action mailed 3/3/04 which states "The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

1. For applicant's convenience, the Group Technological Center FAX number is (703) 872-9306. (Note that the Examiner **cannot** confirm receipt of faxes) Please identify Examiner\_\_\_\_ of Art Unit \_\_\_\_ at the top of your cover sheet of any correspondence submitted.

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